



# Wing Tips

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Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

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**Arrival Check Program** Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day, 7days/week.

## **Principals Message:**

Happy New Year to the Green Acres School Community and welcome back to a new year of learning.

## **Report Cards**

Report Cards will be going home with our students in February. We continue to work with parents in making sure your child is progressing well in school. If at any time you have questions about how your child is doing in school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers. Don't wait until after the report card goes home.

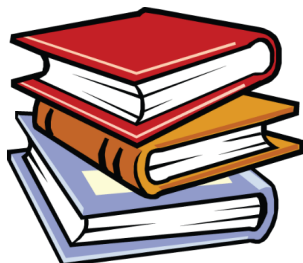
## **Student Leadership**

Many thanks to our Student Leadership Group for their work in promoting a Hat & Mitten Drive for a local women's shelter, collecting donations at our Holiday Concert for Stoney Creek Food Bank and selling popcorn with the profits going to WE Charity. Many thanks to our students and their families for helping the Women's shelter, Stoney Creek Food Band and WE Charity.

## **Save the Date Literacy/Snuggle Up & Read Day**

Our Student Leadership Group, along with Mrs. Blunsdon our K-1 Reading Specialist Teacher, will be running a Literacy Day on January 23rd for our students. This is a day to celebrate the love of reading and promote reading for all!

More information will go home later this month!



## **Cold Weather and Outdoor Play**

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wearing mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it is also a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

Principals can use their judgment to decide whether to send students outside for recess. However, HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below minus 15 degrees Celsius, or minus 20 degrees with wind chill. Questions or concerns regarding winter outdoor play should be directed to the school Principal.

## **Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a big success thanks to you! We were able to purchase new books for the library, and were also able to add books to our Primary Home Reading Program. More information about the Primary Home Reading Challenge will be sent home soon.

We are working on starting a Book Swap Program, where students can access available books and take them home. If you have any books that you are no longer using at home and would like to donate them, feel free to drop them off at the office. Thank you for your support.



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Carole Paikin Miller and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 5.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward.

I can be reached by email at [cpamill@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:cpamill@hwdsb.on.ca) or by phone at 365-336-4480.

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